

To: Chairperson and Authority Members **Date:** April 9, 2002
From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director
Subject: Agenda Item 6 – Metrolink Update

Discussion:

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is a five-county joint powers authority, created pursuant to the State of California Public Utilities Code Section 130255 and California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., to build and operate the “Metrolink” commuter rail system. The five-county member agencies are comprised of the following: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority, San Bernardino Associated Governments, and Riverside County Transportation Commission. SCRRA builds and operates commuter train service in the five-county area on rail rights-of-ways owned by the member agencies. Metrolink has six routes that link together the five counties representing SCRRA, serving a total of 49 stations over a distance of 416 miles. Metrolink currently runs 128 trains a day and carries an average of 32,443 daily riders.

The Authority has determined that for high-speed train service between Sylmar and Burbank, only the Metrolink Corridor should be further evaluated. The Authority is also continuing to investigate Metrolink alignments between Burbank and Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS), LAUS and Irvine, and LAUS and Pomona. High-speed trains would need to share tracks with Metrolink for the alignment alternative between LAUS and Irvine. The continued investigation of the rail corridors between Los Angeles and Riverside will include the potential for sharing tracks with Metrolink.

David Solow, Executive Director of Metrolink will present an update on current and future Metrolink improvement projects.

Attached are excerpts taken from the Metrolink website in regards to the history of this commuter service and the status of the proposed Metrolink improvement projects.